

for all Americans, cutting poverty in half in 10 years, additional economic stimulus, increased foreign assistance, combating global warming and establishing energy independence, providing comprehensive education, and providing health care to veterans as an entitlement (by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H4437–46**

Jordan amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to set spending levels, revenue levels, and deficit levels at lower amounts than what is projected by the CBO baseline or what is proposed in the President's budget request. The substitute would provide defense funding at the President's level and for non-defense discretionary spending, the substitute provides a hard freeze to non-defense discretionary spending, plus a 1 percent reduction to prior year spending levels, and also assumes other savings from reductions to lower-priority spending (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 189);

Pages H4446–60

Lee (CA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to build upon the investments made by the President's budget and the Majority's budget. However, the budget would build on these investments by immediately repealing the 2001 and 2003 Bush-era tax cuts that benefit the wealthiest Americans. The budget also would add a 0.565 percent surtax on adjustable gross income exceeding \$500,000 for individuals (\$1 million for joint filers). The budget would shift those savings and additional revenue towards Education, Health Care, Job Training, International Aid, Justice, Transportation, and Veterans, while still producing a 5 year deficit that is \$67 billion smaller than the Majority's budget (by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 318 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 190); and **Pages H4460–69**

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to spend \$4.8 trillion less than the President's budget over 10 years; set spending levels which are 20.7 percent of GDP; freeze non-defense/non-veterans spending; borrow \$3.6 trillion less than the President's budget over 10 years; seek to hold debt to 65 percent of GDP; and put forward a long-term budget to bring debt under control. The substitute also sought to permanently extend 2001 and 2003 tax relief; permanently fix the Alternative Minimum Tax; create 2.1 million more jobs than the Democrats' budget; suspend capital gains taxes through 2010; and reduce the corporate tax rate to 25 percent from the current 35 percent. The amendment also sought to provide \$5 billion over the President's budget for Defense; \$540 million over the President's budget for Veterans; to save \$50 bil-

lion annually for war or unmet defense needs; and provide for health and retirement security by reforming programs to ensure they provide benefits for future beneficiaries (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 293 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H4469–87**

H. Res. 316, the rule providing for further consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 242 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 184, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H4401–02, H4411–12**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4411, H4411–12, H4412–13, H4414, H4414–15, H4446, H4459–60, H4469, H4486–87, H4487. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 11:02 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 93, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Federal food safety systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Missile Defense Agency Overview. Testimony was heard from LTG Patrick O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Immigration Enforcement and Citizenship Verification. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services; David Venturella, Executive Director, Secure Communities, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Marcy Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Minerals Management Service Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mary Kendall, Acting Inspector General; and Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

NEW STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the New Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan and developments in U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and ADM Eric Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

POW/MIA RECOVERY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on improving recovery and full accounting of POW/MIA personnel from all past conflicts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles A. Ray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/Missing Personnel Affairs; and RADM Donna L. Crisp, USN, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; and public witnesses.

NEW AGE OF IRREGULAR WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Terrorism and the New Age of Irregular Warfare: Challenges and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing on Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband. Testimony was heard from David Villano, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Development, USDA; Scott Deutchman, Acting Senior Legal Advisor, FCC; Mark Seifert, Senior Policy Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Department of Commerce; Rachelle Chong, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission; and public witnesses.

MAKING HEALTH CARE WORK FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Saving Money, Saving Lives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT CARD HOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT; PAYDAY LOAN REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 617, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1214, Payday Loan Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on the South Pacific Tuna Treaty: Next Steps for Renewal. Testimony was heard from William Gibbons-Fly, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Strategy for Afghanistan: Achieving Peace and Stability in the Graveyard of Empires. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROLS AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Export Controls and Satellite Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY POLICYMAKING

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security Policymaking: HSC at a Crossroads and Presidential Study Directive." Testimony was heard from the following former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisors to the President: Kenneth L. Wainstein; and Frances Fragos Townsend; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER DEBT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Consumer Debt: Are Credit Cards Bankrupting Americans? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, and the Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a joint hearing on the Public Safety and Civil Rights Implications of State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICES CORPS ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing

on H.R. 1612, Public Lands Services Corps Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Will Shafroth, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Hank Kashdan, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COLLAPSE AND FEDERAL RESCUE OF AIG

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 214, Recognizing the efforts of the countless volunteers who helped the Commonwealth of Kentucky recover from the ice storm of January 2009; H. Res. 254, amended, Recognizing the designation of March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month and honoring the significance of Irish Americans in the history and progress of the United States; H.R. 1516, To designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, FL, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office;" H.R. 1595, To designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, NY, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building;" and a resolution Honoring the Life and Achievements of John Hope Franklin.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Collapse and Federal Rescue of AIG and What it Means for the U.S. Economy. Testimony was heard from Maurice R. Greenberg, former CEO, American International Group (AIG).

MODERNIZING THE SBA'S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade held a hearing on Legislative Initiatives to Modernize the SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1665, Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009; H.R. 1746, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2009; H.R. 1747, Great Lakes Icebreaker Replacement Act; H.R. 1178, as amended, To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions; H. Res. 313, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; and H. Res. 269, Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Vocational Re-

habilitation and Employment Programs. Testimony was heard from John McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Ruth Fanning, Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Signals Intelligence. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

GLOBAL DEPLOYMENT BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on Global Deployment. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WESTERN BALKANS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on challenges for United States and European engagement, after receiving testimony from Paddy Ashdown, former High Representative to Bosnia-Herzegovina, London, United Kingdom; Ivo Banac, Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, New Haven, Connecticut; Ivana Howard, National Endowment for Democracy, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and James Lyon, Democratization Policy Council, Belgrade, Serbia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Disaster Capacity in the National Capital Region: Experiences, Capabilities, and Weaknesses, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.